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Attached for filing is the patent application of:

Inventor: ITOH

Entitled: SPECIMEN CENTRIFUGE APPARATUS

and including attachments as noted below:

- Newly executed Declaration, Copy of Declaration from prior application, Abstract
 Please delete the following inventors in the continuation/division/continuation-in-part application:

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30 pages of specification and claims (including 5 numbered claims), and
 7 sheets of accompanying drawing/s.

Record the attached assignment to , , and return to the undersigned.

Attached is a Power of Attorney.

Priority is hereby claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119 based on the following foreign applications:

Application Number	Country	Day/Month/Year Filed
2003-024062	Japan	31 January 2003

, respectively, the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference in this application..

Certified copy(ies) of foreign application(s) is/are attached.

Certified copy(ies) filed on _____ in prior appln. no. _____ filed _____

This application claims the benefit of Provisional Application No. _____, filed _____, the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference in this application.

This application is a continuation/ division/ continuation-in-part of Application No. _____, filed _____, the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference in this application.

Petition filed in prior application to extend its life to insure co-pendency.

The prior application is assigned to , ,

It is hereby requested that the Examiner consider the art cited in the parent application by applicant and/or the Examiner for the reasons stated therein. A listing of that art is attached.

Applicant claims "small entity" status. "Small entity" statement attached.

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